

## Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

December 06, 2016

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:20 a.m.

### Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss:

**Bridge 105 Painting Contracts-** At 8:01 the Bridge 105 Painting Contract Bids were opened.

	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1.	Eagle Painting & Maintenance Company	\$312,000
2.	Central Painting, Inc.	\$267,000
3.	Civil Coatings & Construction	\$312,900
4.	Abhe & Svoboda, Inc.	\$1,098,680

The HC Engineer Gary Pool and HC Attorney Ray Richardson will review and come back later with their recommendation.

After the HC Engineer Gary Pool and HC Attorney Ray Richardson reviewed the bids for the Bridge 105 Painting Contracts. The lowest responsive bid, Central Painting Inc. with an amount of \$267,000 was the recommendation. Commissioner Stevens moved that the lowest responsive bid from Central Painting Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$267,000 be accepted for the Bridge 105 Painting Contract. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Calumet 600W-** HC Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to keep them up to date about the problem over painting and striping out at Calumet at 600 W. HC Engineer stated that there are issues and this is being arbitrated through INDOT at this time. This should be rectified within the next two or three weeks.

**Snow Ready-** HC Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners and stated that HC is snow ready. The HW Department does have some new valves to be installed on plow trucks but that will

be a slow process to be sure it runs smoothly. HC Engineer also stated that the HW Department employees are in the process of using all their vacation time so the department will be at 30% staffing through December. Federal Chart shows an above average winter for Indiana.

**Salt-** HC Engineer Gary Pool stated that the trucks all have salt in them and that the drivers are all experienced and have plowed snow before.

### **Hancock County E-911**

**Public Safety Priority Dispatch System-** John Jokantas appeared before the Commissioners to request signing of the Public safety priority dispatch system (PDS) for an amount of \$73,577. The contract has been reviewed by the HC Attorney Ray Richardson. Clarification of the trainings was gone over. Commissioner Huber moved approval of the Public safety priority dispatch system contract for 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$73,577. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Visitor's Bureau**

**Visitor's Bureau-** Sarah Wolf and Sarah Kesterson from the HC Visitor's Bureau appeared before the Commissioners to discuss an issue having to do with the Visitor's Bureau and the hiring of a Part-time employee. (County employee or Visitor's Bureau employee) Two questions the Commissioners need answered are: 1. Who will be the employer? (who is hiring?) 2. Who will be funding this position? A discussion was had about what the job entails, who is the employer, funding, etc. It was decided that Greg Carwein President of the Visitor's Bureau will appear before the Commissioners at the December 20, 2016 meeting for further review.

### **Plat Signatures**

**Reynold's Minor Sub/Dedicated ROW-** Steve Cooper appeared before the Commissioners to request Reynold's Minor Sub Plat Signatures and to dedicate 35ft ½ ROW located at 700N. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Minor Plat for Reynold's Minor Sub which dedicated 35ft ½ located at 700N. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Fairgrounds Discussion**

**Fairgrounds Agreement-** Barb Pescitelli President of the Ag Association Board. The Ag Board met 11-21-16 and the Fairground Agreement was accepted by them. The Fairgrounds Agreement was read into record on 12-06-2016. A copy may be found in the Auditor's Office. The Commissioners accepted the agreement and later will have a more formal signed agreement. The next step for this process is to go before the HC Council and the Ag Association has asked to be placed on the Agenda for the HC Council's meeting on December 14, 2016.

### **Action Items**

**Claims and Payroll-** Commissioner Huber moved to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Minutes-** Commissioner Huber moved to approve the 11/28/16 Commissioners' Minutes as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**HC Solid Waste Management District Board Appt. Robert Holland 1/01/17-** Information regarding appointment to the Town Council per law was discussed. Commissioner Stevens moved to appoint Robert Holland to the HC Solid Waste Management District Board for an indeterminate term. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Resolution No. 2016-12-1-** A Resolution amending the benefits available to FTA employees was introduced by Commissioner Huber. The five items that are at no cost to the County were discussed and they will be available to FTA employees. (voluntary life insurance, vision, dental, AFLAC, & deferred comp.) Commissioner Huber moved to pass Resolution No. 2016-12-1 a Resolution amending the benefits available to FTA employees. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Approval of AIC Dues for 2017-** Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Association of Indiana Counties Dues for the 2017 year in an amount not to exceed \$3,660.20. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Commissioners' Recognition of Annual Certification of Elected Officials-** Commissioners were presented a copy of Annual Certification of Elected Official to the Hancock County Board of Commissioners Compliance with the County Nepotism Policy concerning Hiring and Supervision of Relatives and Annual Certification of Elected Official to the Hancock County Board of Commissioners on Compliance with the County Contract Disclosure Policy. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Commissioners Record of Annual Certification of Elected Officials. Commissioner Armstrong seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Step Repair-** The steps out front of the Memorial Building are being patched and will be finish in May. This will be paid out of Building Maintenance.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

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Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor